

MEDICAL/SURGICAL, NON-ICU PATIENT HOSPITAL ROOM HIGH-TOUCH OBJECT INSTRUCTIONS

Before you look at “The List” on the next page, please read the following information.

Background:

This list of surfaces or objects is a compilation from several sources. Its contents are what you might expect to see at any given time in a medical/surgical, non-ICU adult hospital room.

It does not include everything that might be in an ICU, in an outpatient, other clinical setting or in common areas in any context.

If you notice that we have missed something, please add it to the table on the last page.

Vocabulary:

- **Objects on the list:** It is important to think about what the words mean, so as you review the list, please make sure you can picture what the object or surface is.
- **High-touch:** When we label something as a “high-touch surface,” we refer to how often something is touched.

High touch = objects touched >3 times each time a [provider or healthcare worker] is in a room

Medium touch = objects touched between 0.5 and 2 times each time a [provider or healthcare worker] is in a room

Low touch = objects touched <0.5 times each time a [provider or healthcare worker] is in a room

Cleaning:

In general, there are two types of cleaning of a hospital room: daily cleaning and terminal cleaning. To give an example of the difference between terminal and daily cleaning, when environmental services staff come into a room to clean where there is a patient, they will not touch any of the patient’s personal belongings, i.e., if there is something in the sink, they will clean around it. When a patient is either discharged or transferred to another room, environmental services staff does terminal cleaning to prepare the room for the next patient. It is far more involved than daily cleaning activities. High-touch objects/surfaces are priority areas for terminal cleaning.

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This list is for a typical medical/surgical, non-ICU adult hospital patient room. “High touch” refers to surfaces or objects touched at least 3 times when someone is in the room.

Instructions: Using an “X”, please indicate in the column under your name if, based on your experience, you would consider it as being a high-touch surface.

Surfaces/Objects	Andy	David	Lois	Marc	Peggy	Robert	Rosie
Alcohol Gel Dispenser (in-room)							
Bathroom Door Handle-Inside							
Bathroom Door Handle-Outside							
Bathroom Handrail by Toilet							
Bathroom Light Switch							
Bathroom Sink							
Bathroom Sink Handles							
Bed Controls							
Bed Rail							
Bedding/Bed							
Bedside Table Handle (not tray table)							
Bedside Table Top (not tray table)							
Blood Pressure Cuff							
Call Button/TV Remote							
Chair Seat (Folding-style)							
Chair Storage Bracket for Folding Chair							
Chair Arm (Recliner-style)							
Chair Seat (Recliner-style)							
Computer Keyboard (In-room)							
Computer Monitor Cables (In-room)							
Computer Mouse (In-room)							
Computer Keyboard (Portable)							
Computer Monitor Cables (Portable)							
Computer Mouse (Portable)							
Dirty Linen Container							
Dry Eraser Marker							
Flashlight							
Floor							
In Room Dining Menu							

Surfaces/Objects	Andy	David	Lois	Marc	Peggy	Robert	Rosie
IV Pole							
IV Pump							
IV Tubing							
Light Switch Behind Bed							
Light Switch At Entry							
Medical Supply Storage Handles/Push Buttons							
Multi-module Monitor Cables							
Multi-module Monitor Controls							
Multi-module Monitor Touch Screen							
Patient Belongings Closet Handles							
Patient Belongings Shelf							
Patient Visitor Guide							
Pulse oximeter							
Room Door Handle – Outside							
Room Inner Door Knob							
Shower Door Handle							
Shower Faucet Handle							
Sink Handles (In-room)							
Sink Surface (in-room)							
Soap Dispenser (bathroom)							
Soap Dispenser (in-room)							
Telephone							
Thermometer							
Thermometer cord							
Toilet Bedpan Sprayer							
Toilet Flush Handle							
Toilet Seat Top							
Toilet Seat Bottom							
Towels							
Trash Can Lid							
Urinal							
Tray Table Handle/Levers							
Tray Table Top							
Wash Basin (Plastic, Portable)							
Window Sill/Ledge							

